

## John Armstrong to Andrew Jackson, March 22, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JOHN ARMSTRONG TO JACKSON.

War Department, March 22, 1813.

*sir* , I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatches of the 1st. and 7th. of March *last* .

No additional testimony was required of the high degree of respectability of the Volunteer Corps under your command, nor is there a doubt of the important services they would have rendered, had the Executive policy of occupying the two Floridas been adopted by the National Legislature. Your offer of them for Northern service is a new proof of your zeal, and of their spirit and patriotism, and will be taken into consideration by the President.

My order of the 6th. of February for the liberation of the corps from further service, was made under information, that the winter had intercepted their progress southward at the mouth of the Cumberland, and that there was a probability that it might overtake you at Massac. On the contrary supposition a second copy was sent to Genl Wilkinson at New Orleans.

I need not say that this order is to be construed agreeably to the provisions of the Volunteer Act, which entitle each man, who has served one month to a stand of Arms etc. The 22d section of the Act of the 11th. of January 1812 will have regulated the expenses of their return. The Pay Master of the Army will be directed to have funds ready to pay

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them off on their arrival in Tennessee, where you may expect also a new order of march should your offer of Northern service be accepted.

I have the honor etc.